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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 0290

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CGEN, OTRA
SUBJECT: SENEGALESE VISA POLICY

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE CONTINUING THEIR EFFORTS WITH GOS OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO AVOID HARDSHIP TO OFFICIAL AMERICAN TRAVELLERS FROM NEIGHBORING POSTS. AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO REPORT IMPROVEMENT, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT. IN SOME RESPECTS THE SITUATION IS BECOMING EVEN TIGHTER.
2. MININT OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 9TH THAT AS OF WEEK OF JANUARY 2-7 NEW INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO VISA CONTROL OFFICERS AT AIRPORT AND FRONTIERS, AND SENEGALESE EMBASSIES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. FIRST, NOBODY IS TO BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE AIRPORT TRANSIT LOUNGES WITHOUT A VISA. SECOND, BORDER POSTS ON THE ROADS BETWEEN GUINEA-BISSAU, MAURITANIA AND THE GAMBIA HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT ALL DIPLOMATIC CARS ARE TO BE STOPPED AND PASSPORTS OF PASSENGERS EXAMINED.

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- PERSONS NOT HAVING A CURRENT SENEGALESE VISA ARE TO BE TURNED AROUND.
3. IN LIGHT OF THIS NEW INFORMATION, EMBASSY DAKAR CAN NO LONGER AFFIRM AS IN PARA 2 OF DAKAR'S 8243 OF DECEMBER 14, 1977 THAT OFFICIAL TRAVELLERS FROM NEIGHBORING POSTS CAN OBTAIN AN AIRPORT VISA UPON ARRIVAL WITHOUT PRIOR

NOTICE. THIS LOOPHOLE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN CLOSED.

4. THE EMBASSY WILL BE HAVING FURTHER TALKS IN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS WITH MININT OFFICIALS, IN PARTICULAR ABOUT IMPLEMENTING "FREQUENT TRAVELLERS" PROCEDURE.

5. IN MEANTIME, IN CASES WHERE TRAVEL TO SENEGAL IS URGENT, ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE DAKAR AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE.
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